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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY DOT'S FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATOR JOHN SULLIVAN, MAY 6-18, 1978

1. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (DOT) FEDERAL RAILROAD
ADMINISTRATION (FRA) ADMINISTRATOR JOHN M. SULLIVAN PLANS
MAY 6-18 TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO
MEET WITH RAIL OFFICIALS AND INSPECT FACILITIES. PARTY EX-
PECTED TO TOTAL EIGHT FRA OFFICIALS. SULLIVAN AND GROUP OF
7 (FOR TOTAL OF EIGHT NAMES PROVIDED SEPTTEL) PLAN ARRIVE
MOSCOW ON SATURDAY, MAY 6 VIA PAN AM. GROUP WISHES SUNDAY,
MAY 7 FREE WITH OFFICIAL PROGRAM BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 8.
SCHEDULE IS FLEXIBLE WITH GROUP REPLYING ON EMBASSY'S/
CONGEN ADVICE FOR SPECIFIC TIMING, BUT GENERAL OUTLINE
APPEARS TO BE: MOSCOW/LENINGRAD, MONDAY, MAY 8 THROUGH
FRIDAY, MAY 12 (OR THROUGH WEEKEND IF NECESSARY); SUNDAY
OR MONDAY, MAY 14 OR 15, TRAVEL TO PRAGUE. DEPARTMENT
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ADVISING PRAGUE SEPTTEL RE SULLIVAN PARTY'S VISIT TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SULLIVAN AND GROUP PLAN RETURN TO US ON
THURSDAY, MAY 18.

2. A. INVITATION TO VISIT SOVIET UNION WAS EXTENDED TO
SULLIVAN BY G. M. KARENKO, DIRECTOR OF MOTIVE POWER DIREC-

TORATE, MINRAIL TRANSPORTATION, WHO HEADED SOVIET RAIL DELEGATION TO U.S. IN JULY 1977. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY WOULD ADVISE MINRAIL OF SULLIVAN TRAVEL PLANS AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER ON BASIS JULY INVITATION MINISTRY WOULD HOST VISIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITINERARY AND INTERESTS EXPRESSED BELOW. US SIDE PREPARED TO TRAVEL ON SEND-ING-SIDE PAYS BASIS. AS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF MINISTRY'S RESPONSE PLEASE ADVISE BEST WAY TO PROCEED WITH VISA APPLICATIONS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AT THIS END. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/CONGEN ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISITS OR CALLS WHICH MINISTRY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FACILITATE. PARTICIPATION BY EMBASSY, CONGEN OFFICERS WOULD BE WELCOME IF DESIRED.

B. SULLIVAN PARTY WISHES TO VISIT FOLLOWING FACILITIES (UNLESS LOCATION IDENTIFIED, EMBASSY/CONGEN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOCATION WHICH BEST FITS SCHEDULE WELCOMED): (1) RAILWAY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE USSR (SCHERBINKA TEST LOOP), MOSCOW, DIRECTOR: DR. A. D. KARENTNIKOV; (2) POWER DISPATCH CENTER OF OCTOBER RAILWAY (SUPERVISORY CONTROL CENTER), MOSCOW; (3) LENINGRAD INSTITUTE OF RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS; (4) MODERN CLASSIFICATION YARD; (5) MODERN TRACK LAYING OPERATIONS; (6) MODERN CAR REPAIR FACILITY: HEAVY AND LIGHT REPAIR, INCLUDING RIP-TRACK.

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C. SULLIVAN GROUP WISHES TO COVER FOLLOWING OPERATIONS WHICH HOPEFULLY COINCIDE WITH ABOVE SITES: (1) DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND APPROVAL OF NEW HEAVY AND HIGH HORSEPOWER LOCOMOTIVES; (2) PROTOTYPE 6,000 HORSEPOWER DIESEL-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE ALREADY MANUFACTURED IN USSR, AND 12,000 HORSEPOWER DIESEL FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE UNDER DEVELOPMENT THERE. (CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPARENTLY BUILDING 6 AXLE HIGH SPEED PASSENGER LOCOMOTIVES USED IN SOVIET UNION WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN TOUR IF POSSIBLE). (3) FACILITY FOR ACCELERATED SERVICE TESTING (FAST) TRACK WHOSE LOCATION IN USSR IS UNKNOWN. (4) ELECTRIFICATION OF FREIGHT LINES; (5) MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

D. SULLIVAN HAS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET. DOT ASSUMES MOST ARE IN MOSCOW:

DR. A. D. KARENTNIKOV-DIRECTOR-RAILWAY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE USSR (SCHERBINKA TEST LOOP)

L. V. SHOVSII-CHIEF OF THE MAIN CAR MAINTENANCE DIRECTORATE OF MRT USSR (HEAD OF WORKING GROUP)

V. N. PASCHENKO-ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF THE MAIN
DIRECTORATE OF THE REPAIR OF ROLLING STOCK AND THE PRO-
DUCTION OF SPARE PARTS

S. I. FINITSKII-DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
COUNCIL

A. I. RENCHKALOV-CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE MAIN CAR DEPART-
MENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY MACHINE CONSTRUCTION USSR

V. G. INOZEMTSEV-DEPUTY DIRECTOR C.S.R.I. M.R.T.

V. N. BOBKOV-EXPERT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
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